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For: SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS,  
FIBER AND PRODUCT TREATED WITH  
THE SURFACE TREATMENT CHEMICALS

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## LETTER TO EXAMINER

Sir:

This request for continued examination is filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 and is being presented in order to afford Applicants an opportunity to present additional test data to establish the patentability of the presently claimed invention. The Examiner is respectfully requested to delay examination of the present application as long as possible in order to give the Applicants additional time to finish the tests needed to produce the above-discussed test data. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Documents attached: RCE Application Transmittal  
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